

BUNGAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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ANNUAL REPORT

of the Medical Officer of Health as to the Sanitary Condition of the Urban District of Bungay for the year 1937.

To the Chairman & Members of the Urban District Council of Bungay.

Ladies & Gentlemen,

I herewith present to you my report for the year 1937.

Area: 2393 acres.

The Population of Bungay for the year 1937 as estimated by the Registrar General is 3071.

The Number of Inhabited houses is 954.

The Rateable Value Is (nett) £13651. The sum represented by a penny rate (nett) £56.17.0.

Bungay continues to be dependent principally on Agriculture and the Chaucer Press.

Unemployment is not above normal rates.

	Total.	M.	F.	Birth rate per 1000 of the estimated resident population	
<u>Live Births:</u>	Legitimate.	49.	25.	24.	16.9.
	Illegitimate.	3.	2.	1.	Rate per 1000 total (live & still) births 54.5.
<u>Deaths:</u>		40.	17.	23.	Death rate per 1000 of the estimated resident population 13.

Deaths from Puerperal causes:

	Deaths.	Rate per 1000 total (live & still) birth.
Puerperal sepsis.....	0.....	0
Other puerperal causes.....	0.....	0
Total.....	0.....	0

Death rate of Infants under one year of age.

All infants per 1000 live births.....	19.2.
Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births....	20.4
Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate births.....	0

Deaths from Cancer (all ages).....	5.
" " Measles "	0.
" " Whooping cough (all ages).....	0.
" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age).....	0.

Health Services

Ambulance. The only alteration in the provision of health



services for Bungay is the addition of a Motor Ambulance belonging to and managed by the St.Johns Ambulance Brigade.

### Sanitary Circumstances

#### Water

The water supply continues to be most satisfactory both in quality and quantity. In the year under review no bacteriological examination was made. In future there is to be bacteriological control.

The total water consumed was 35,868,000 gallons, an increase of six million gallons on the previous year. This represents an average daily consumption of 31 gallons per head per day.

#### Drainage & Sewerage

The amount of sewage was 37,000,000 gallons. Satisfactory reports have been received from the Public Analyst on the final effluent from the sewage works.

New works. New water main in Beccles Road, new sewer extension in Beccles Road, new pumps at Falcon Bridge, Boyscott Lane & Sewage works.

River. As far as can be ascertained no human excreta flows into the River Waveney in Bungay.

#### Closet Accommodation

At the end of the year 1937 there was 57 earth closets still in use most of them being outside the sewer areas.

#### Schools.

The sanitary condition and water supply is satisfactory. No school has been closed owing to infectious disease - for the seventh successive year.

#### Housing.

These figures are included in the Sanitary Inspector's report.

#### Inspection and Supervision of Food.

The Cowsheds and Dairies have been periodically inspected.

#### Infectious Disease:

Apart from an epidemic of mild Scarlet fever there has been very little morbidity due to infectious diseases during the year. All these cases of Scarlet fever were removed to the Isolation Hospital promptly. Where considered practicable cases would be treated at home.

Intimations of disease from schools were received regularly.

There is no local provision for diphtheria immunization. There has not been an epidemic of measles since 1934. No local action has been taken in regard to the use of measles serum.



Notifiable diseases.	Total notified.	Admitted to		Deaths.
		Hospital.	Deaths.	
Smallpox.....	0	0	0	0
Scarlet fever.....	30	30	0	0
Diphtheria.....	0	0	0	0
Enteric fever.....	0	0	0	0
(including paratyphoid)....	0	0	0	0
Puerperal fever.....	0	0	0	0
" pyrexia.....	0	2	2	2
Pneumonia.....	8			

<u>Scarlet fever (age groups).</u>	Under 1 year.....	0	Pneumonia..0.
	Over 1 & under 2.....	1	" 0.
"	2 "	2	" 0.
"	3 "	1	" 0.
"	4 "	4	" 0.
"	5 "	17	" 1.
"	10 "	4	" 1.
"	15 "	1	" 1.
"	20 "	0	" 0.
"	35 "	0	" 2.
"	45 "	0	" 2.
	Over 65		1.

### TUBERCULOSIS

#### New cases and Mortality during 1937.

Age periods	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory.		Non respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-respiratory.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0.								
1.								
5.								
15.								
25.	2							
35.	1							
45.								
55.								
65, & upwards.					1			
Totals	3					2		

Ratio of non-notified tuberculous deaths to total tuberculosis deaths, 0 : 2.

The report of the Sanitary Inspector is appended.

I am, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Yours truly,

P.G. LEVICK

B.Chir., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.



REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1937.

Ladies & Gentlemen,

The following is my report of the Sanitary work carried out during the year ending 31 December 1937.

Periodical inspections of the district have been made from time to time and informal notices being served for the abatement of nuisances when found necessary.

Visits of inspection of the cowsheds, dairies, milkshops, slaughterhouses, bake offices and workshops etc. have been made, and the various premises were generally found to be kept in satisfactory condition.

There are 19 registered cowkeepers and 11 retailers of milk including 4 milk shops, the approximate number of cows in milk 284.

NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

30 cases of scarlet fever have been notified and after the removal of the patients to the Isolation Hospital the bedrooms, bedding, clothing etc. was thoroughly fumigated and disinfected.

FOOD.

The County Council is the responsible authority for the administration of the Sale of Food and Drugs Act. The Chief Constable arranges for samples to be taken periodically and also by arrangement in special cases.

RIVERS AND BATHING.

The River Waveney has shown no signs of pollution, the bed of the river has been well dragged and there is a good flow of water. There are no swimming baths or pools, other than from the banks of the river.

DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE

The district is drained by the old storm water sewers to ditches and the river, and by the new sewers to the three pumping stations and outfall works. No complaints have been received and the systems have been working most efficiently.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

There are 57 earth closets with removable receptacles and these are collected, emptied and cleansed weekly. They are mostly situated outside the sewer area, or are too low to be converted and connected to the sewer.

Total existing cesspools 8. These are situate outside the sewer area. There are no privy pits or vaults.

HOUSE REFUSE

A house to house collection is made weekly by covered motor van from the various premises, and deposited at the controlled tipping dump which is kept well trimmed and under observation. The destruction of rats at the tip is being carried out by contract and has proved very satisfactory in diminishing the number of rats.



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### SMOKE ABATEMENT.

No action has been taken with a view to smoke abatement there being no cause for complaint.

### RAG FLOCK ACTS 1911 AND 1928

There are no premises in the District on which rag and flock is manufactured.

<u>MEAT</u>	Cattle.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep.	Pigs
Number killed (Actual)	113	nil.	nil.	17.	934.
All diseases (except tuberculosis)					
Whole carcases condemned	nil	nil	nil	nil.	1.
Carcases of which some part) or organ was condemned )	17	nil	nil	2.	46.
Tuberculosis only.					
Whole carcases condemned	nil.	nil	nil	nil	nil
Carcases of which some part) or organ was condemned )	nil	nil	nil	nil	64

### FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES

#### (1) Inspection of Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

Premises	Inspections	Written Notices.	Prosecutions.
Factories	4	Nil	nil
Workshops	6	1	nil

#### (2) Defects Found.

##### Nuisances under the Public Health Acts:-

	Found	Remedied.
Overdue limewashing	1	1

I am, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

H.EARL Cert.R.S.I.

Sanitary Inspector.

